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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 36

Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani

December 1, 2008

An act relating to public education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 36, as amended, Furutani. Public education: ~~readiness year program.~~ *basic skills training.*

~~Under existing law, the public school system of the state includes, among other schools, secondary and technical schools. Existing law provides for various career technical and workforce preparation programs in the public schools.~~

~~Existing~~

~~(1) Existing law also establishes the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law declares that it is the intent of the Legislature that those institutions provide a collegiate experience that gives each student specified skills and that an undergraduate education prepare students to have the flexibility to adapt to, among other things, new workforce needs.~~

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to develop a readiness year program in the public education system that provides basic skills training for individuals entering or reentering an academic institution or the workforce and prepares those individuals to meet California's career technical education and workforce development needs.

(2) *Existing law establishes the California Postsecondary Education Commission as the statewide postsecondary education planning and coordinating agency and provides for its functions and responsibilities, including advising the Legislature and the Governor on matters related to postsecondary education.*

This bill would require the commission, in consultation with the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, to submit a report to the Legislature providing recommendations for basic skills training and contextualized learning programs in the public education system.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation to develop a readiness year program in the public
- 3 education system that provides basic skills training for individuals
- 4 entering or reentering an educational institution or the workforce
- 5 and prepares those individuals to meet California's career technical
- 6 education and workforce development needs.
- 7 SEC. 2. *The California Postsecondary Education Commission,*
- 8 *in consultation with the office of the Chancellor of the California*
- 9 *Community Colleges, shall submit a report to the Legislature*
- 10 *providing recommendations for basic skills training and*
- 11 *contextualized learning programs in the public education system.*